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SUBJECT: FOUR-POWER DIRECTORS' MEETING, APRIL 19

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1. DECLARATION ON BERLIN. THE FOUR POLITICAL DIRECTORS MET IN LONDON APRIL 19 TO DISCUSS THE CONTENT OF A POSSIBLE FOUR-POWER DECLARATION ON BERLIN (REFTEL). THERE WAS CONSENSUS THAT THE STATEMENT SHOULD BE FIRM IN DEFENSE OF WESTERN VIEWS ON THE CITY, YET NON-POLEMICAL IN TONE, AND DESIGNED TO BE ENCOURAGING TO THE WEST BERLINERS. THE DIRECTORS WORKED OUT A DRAFT TEXT BASED ON US AND FRENCH DRAFTS. THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WILL DELIVER THE AGREED DRAFT TEXT IN WASHINGTON, PARIS AND BONN ON APRIL 20 FOR HIGH-LEVEL REVIEW.

2. ALLIED FLAG TOURS. THE DIRECTORS DISCUSSED THE RECENT SOVIET DEMARCHES TO THE US AND FRANCE ON
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ALLIED FLAG TOURS OF EAST BERLIN. THEY AGREED THAT THE BONN GROUP SHOULD UNDERTAKE A DRAFTING EXERCISE ON AN URGENT BASIS TO WORK OUT A DRAFT RESPONSE FOR HIGH-LEVEL REVIEW IN CAPITALS. THEY FURTHER AGREED THAT THE BONN GROUP EFFORT SHOULD BE AIMED AT FINDING A COMMON GROUND SOMEWHERE BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSED RESPONSE AND THE LINE PROPOSED

BY THE FRENCH, WHICH IS TO MAKE A SHORT SHARP REJECTION OF THE SOVIET APPROACH. FURTHER, THERE SHOULD BE IN THE DRAFT REPLY SOME QUESTIONING OF SOVIET MOTIVES IN RAISING THIS SORT OF SENSITIVE ISSUE AT THIS JUNCTURE IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS. (FYI. HARTMAN INFORMED THE OTHER THREE DIRECTORS OF THE CONTENTS OF THE RECENT SOVIET APPROACH TO US AS WELL AS RECALLING HIS EARLIER ACCOUNT OF THE JUNE 1976 APPROACH TO KISSINGER BY DOBRYNIN ON THE SUBJECT OF THE TOURS. END FYI.)

3. SENIOR LEVEL MEETING. THE DIRECTORS APPROVED THE PROPOSED BONN GROUP AGENDA FOR THE SENIOR LEVEL MEETING ON MAY 7.

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